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Salesians Of Don Bosco West Africa South, St. Joseph Province (Aos Province)



Dear Friends...

The congregation was founded by St. John Bosco in the nineteenth century, currently it is present in more than 132 different countries worldwide. Currently there are over 193 Salesians (Priests and Brothers) working in a total of 20 communities forming the newly constituted province (AOS) of FIVE (5) countries.

As part of the restructuring of the Salesian Congregation Worldwide, beginning this year (2022) a new constituted province's with new appointment has formed a newly born province called West Africa South Province (AOS) comprising CÔTE D'IVOIRE, GHANA , LIBERIA SIERRA LEONE and TOGO

The primary and common objective of our Child Protection and Safeguarding Centre's is to rescue and rehabilitate;

1. Vulnerable abandoned children subject to, or at high risk of forced labour.
2. Trafficked girls and boys to transform their lives by offering them the possibility of a stable and secure home, a family, love and affection, food, education, health care and socialization. The process of rehabilitation and development is based on the needs of the individual.

Currently all the SIX (6) Child Protection and Safeguarding Centre's within Côte d'ivoire, Ghana, Sierra Leone and Togo are all functioning with rescued children undergoing a maximum of 12-month rehabilitation taken them through several orientation; focused on psycho-social support, counselling for trauma healing, medical care, basic classroom lessons (providing basic and primary education) and recreational activities for socialization.

The Centre's also provide for older girls skills training, including intensive training in life skills. Families of all the rescued children and young adults-girls will be traced during the rehabilitation period; the aim is, where possible, to fully reintegrate them with their families or foster parents.





Who We Are

***Don Bosco Child Protection Centre,
Koumassi, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.***

Activities At Foyer Don Bosco Child Protection Centre,
Abidjan- Côte d'Ivoire.

We Wish You A Prosperous and Fruitful New Year



Foyer Don Bosco Child protection centre is a home for the street children, poor, vulnerable, marginalized children and children and children subjected to forms of exploitation. The Foyer Don Bosco Child Protection Centre was marked with activities such as the Eucharistic celebration; celebration of Children Day; and Outing to the Beach.

Activités

Comme chaque année pastorale, la tradition a été encore respectée. Le dimanche 16 octobre 2022, le Foyer Don Bosco a organisé une célébration eucharistique à l'intention des Amis, des enfants et des éducateurs. Au cours de cette messe, ils ont rendu grâce au Seigneur pour le bon déroulement de l'année pastorale 2021-2022 et ils lui ont confié la nouvelle année pastorale 2022-2023. Cette messe fut présidée par le Père Ferdinand GABIAM, responsable du Foyer. Les Amis du Foyer Don Bosco sont des femmes et hommes qui mobilisent leur moyen financier pour venir en aide au Foyer. Nous prions Dieu de les bénir et de fructifier les oeuvres de leurs mains.



Chaque 20 novembre, le monde entier célèbre la Journée Internationale des Droits des enfants. En prélude à cette date, le samedi 19 novembre 2022, le Foyer a organisé une table ronde pour les enfants. Les enfants ont été sensibilisés sur leurs droits et devoirs. Cette table ronde a été animée par Tchotché Michel, éducateur au Foyer.



Les enfants du Foyer Don Bosco ont effectué une sortie détente le mercredi 30 novembre 2022 à la plage de Grand-Bassam. Plusieurs activités ont meublé cette sortie: promenade, danse, natation, jeux divers...





Who We Are

Don Bosco Child Protection And Youth Empowerment Projects (Ghana)

1. ACTIVITIES AT ST. DOMINIC SAVIO YOUTH CENTRE, TEMA NEWTOWN
2. ACTIVITIES AT DON BOSCO BOYS HOME, SUNYANI
3. VIS ACTIVITIES AT DON BOSCO CHILD PROTECTION CENTRE (DBCPC), ASHAIMAN

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St. Dominic Savio Youth Centre, Tema Newtown is an Educational and Rehabilitation Centre established in 2003 by the Salesians of Don Bosco AFW (Now AOS) Province to provide street, less privileged children and youngsters of Tema New Town a place to learn, a home and a recreational Centre where they will be prepared(Alphabetization) for enrollment into the mainstream of education.

DAILY ACTIVITIES AT THE CENTRE

The Centre is focused on training the children through alphabetization. This is done in a classroom from 8 AM to 2 PM every day. Reading, writing, comprehension and simple mathematics are the primary focus in the classroom.



LUNCH

Hot meals are given to all students including the staff in the afternoon. Mrs. Happy (the new cook) prepares the meals from her house to the school every day. Special meal is prepared on feast days and vacation days.



ORATORY REOPENING

Due to the pandemic (COVID-19) the Centre was closed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to adhere to the protocols of the Ghana Education Service (GES). Finally, we have resumed oratory activities in the Centre every Friday. Children from different schools come together to play and be assisted with their homework.



PARENTS AND TEACHERS MEETING

This is a meeting we have been doing at the centre every term to discuss the well-being of the children. Parents are given the opportunity to share the difficulties they face in their various homes with regard to the children to enable the teaching staff to know whether the children are responding positively to the training they are undergoing at the centre.



THE VISIT OF CMB GENERAL GUARDIAN AND REGIONAL TO GHANA

Guido Pedroni (CMB GENERAL GUARDIAN) and Valentina Leanza (THE REGIONAL TO GHANA) paid five days visit to Ghana. They came to the centre to see the children and some of their relatives in Ghana. They also had a meeting with the teaching staff.





EXCURSION

As part of the curriculum activities, we go on an excursion once every academic year. This is to enable the children to be aware of their surroundings and see other beautiful places in Ghana. Thanks to PDO- Ashaiman for funding this year's trip to The Chill River Resort. The trip was so refreshing, and the children were very happy.



The Don Bosco Boys Home, Sunyani (DBBH-SUNYANI) was established in 1989 is a Centre for the rehabilitation of children and young people exposed to high risk. The rehabilitation and development process of the Centre is based on the needs and situation of individual case or situation.

The DBBH was marked with activities such as Music Rehearsals, Holiday Camp, Birthday celebration, Donation from Catholic students Union, Visit to the Airport, Project Visit by Elena (Bosco Global), Medical Assessment, Recreational Activities, Christmas Quiz and Cultural Day Celebration.

Music Rehearsals

For Don Bosco, an oratory without music is like a body without soul. As part of our entertaining activities, the Brass band group is amongst the number of entertaining activities we have at the home. Frequently the boys at the home meets to practice and learn different brass instrument for various purposes in the home.



Holiday Camp:

The boys participated in the annual Don Bosco Holiday Camp held at Mary Help of Christians Parish, Odumase. At the camp, they participated in various activities such as, lesson classes, talent development groups, as well as some entertaining and educative indoor and outdoor games.



Birthday Celebration

In thanksgiving to God for the gift of a new year. One of our dearest Muslim friend came to celebrate his birthday with us at the home. We prayed for him, partied with him, ate and made merry in honour of his birthday.





Donation from Catholic Students Union

The Catholic Students Union of Ghana Sunyani Bono-Ahafo Region, represented by St James Seminary, Notre Dame Girls High School, Don Bosco Technical Institute and Odumaseman Senior High School visited the home to support the boys with what they could afford. It was also a means to commemorate the closure of the Marian month of October.



Visit to the Airport

The Boys had a visit to Sunyani Airport. On this day, they were able to view the various sectors of the airport as well as interacting with the head of the various sector. They also had the experience of viewing the landing and taking-off of an aeroplane.



Project Visit to the Centre by Helena (Bosco Global)

We were privileged to have in our midst, Helena from Bosco Global, Mr Tetteh and Mr Isaac from PDO Ashaiman. They had come to visit the home, to interact with the boys and to share some time and have good experiences with us.



Medical Assessment

The director of the home invited some medical practitioners to come for some medical assessments on some of the boys. At the home, the health of every individual is very important and we strive to see that each one is doing fine.



Recreational Activities

On some Saturdays at night, we have night games (football) at the DBTI multipurpose court as a form of exercise and entertainment. It improves the daily life of the Children at the Don Bosco Boys Home (DBBH) in reduction of tensions, improved morale, etc. and in the long term, the effects can be more significant.

Sport can also be used as a form of resocialization to allow the children at the Don Bosco Boys Home (DBBH) to integrate some of society's moral codes (such as mutual respect, following rules and accepting defeat) and help them to rebuild themselves through being part of a group, training and achieving an objective.





Christmas Quiz

Education is fundamental at the home that is why asides going to school on daily basis we also organize at the home various activities that keeps us intellectually sound. On this day, we had our Christmas quiz/competition at the home.



Cultural Day Celebration

Ghana as a nation is blessed with so many beautiful cultural practices. At the home the cultural day celebration is amongst our entertaining activities which helps the boys to understand their culture and to be in tuned with the cultural values of the land.



VIS undertook various activities at the Don Bosco Boys Home in Sunyani. 55 children and young people (aged 5 to 18) from disadvantaged family backgrounds, Vulnerable, Marginalised were rescued and safeguarding of the children resumed. In the last quarter of the year, VIS Ghana were engaged in activities such as the Cinema Show and Recreation activities & End of year Christmas Party 2022.

Cinema Evening

The boys were engaged every fortnight to watch a film or cartoons at the cinema hall in the centre and then reflect on it together. The first title chosen was “Kong Fu Panda”, an action cartoon that made the youngest laugh and thrilled the eldest for its references to martial arts, but which was also the basis for reflecting on the importance of self-esteem and believing in one’s dreams, even when these seem impossible to achieve and our abilities need to be trained.



At the end of the film, the children and young people discovered, like Poo - the panda protagonist of the film - that there is no secret ingredient that can make a good recipe special or endow us with special virtues: the only real secret ingredient for success is to believe in oneself.

Recreation Activities and Christmas Party 2022

VIS organised a games tournament for the Boys and children at the centre in order to donate clothing and chocolate. The Boys were divided into teams with the names of illustrious Salesians, the boys faced each other in the classic game of flag-stealing revisited in a paired version, leading their blindfolded companions through difficult courses and in many other games. On the evening itself, during the Christmas party, all the children were rewarded.



Psycho-Social Support For The Children At The Don Bosco Child Protection Centre

Psycho-social support is provided to the child of the DBCPC to ensure that they have insight and understanding of their stay at the Center and the need to maintain good behaviors. They were also provided reality therapy to ensure they focus on their future aspirations by way of studying hard and taking advantage of the lessons provided to them at the Centre.

The psychologist undertook various psychological sessions with the children at DBCPC. Their academic background were below average as many were subjected to more of hard labor (i.e. fishing, farming etc.) rather than schooling. Those who went to school were taught in their local dialect. Aside individual and group psychological interventions, the psychologist took part in teaching activities such as computing classes, basic literacy; and entertaining programmes such as photography, swimming, drama etc., After every session, home works were given to encourage commitment towards sessions.





Who We Are

***Monrovia Central Prison For
Juveniles, Liberia.***

Activities at Monrovia Central Prison For Juveniles

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In the past, the Salesians have repeatedly denounced serious human rights violations in prisons. Reciprocal and open recriminations within the government and administration continue to make it difficult to improve the situation.

Now, employees and volunteers of the local organization “Prison Fellowship” look after the young prisoners just two mornings a week (Tuesday and Thursday). Their activities are limited to group counselling. Activities that offer young and sick people psychosocial support such as food, clothing, washing materials, medical help, spiritual support and legal assistance are of great need.

Activities

Psycho-Social-Pastoral Support

Almost without exception, every working day and public holiday with the exception of Sundays, all juveniles and sick inmates were offered a warm, vitamin-rich meal with a drink to all the inmates.

Individual and group counselling were important components of psychosocial help. The first interview with the juvenile during their admission to the prison was of great importance in reducing fear and building trust. The focus was on the young person’s situation and the future planning.

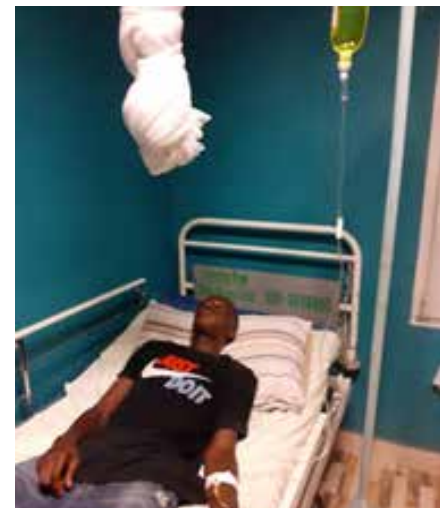


As a rule, school lessons takes place from Monday to Friday between 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. In addition to English and mathematics, life-relevant topics are addressed in particular. The focus is on anti-aggression training as well as sex education, since the crimes committed mostly relate to these areas and after last session games are organized for the children.

Medical Support

For the assessment of health status, prison has a small house where sick inmates are brought on daily basis. Diagnosis takes place mainly through questioning and observation. In the very rarest of cases, the medical staff give the sick people medication.

In moderate and severe cases, the sick is given medication by Don Bosco employees. This is done in consultation with the prison administration so that the medication is not resold. The sick receives the tablets daily from the employees in appropriate portions. During the period, seriously ill inmates were brought to the Catholic Hospital in Monrovia with the help of Don Bosco.



Legal Assistance

In almost half of the juvenile cases, the Juvenile Court requested a report from Don Bosco's social workers. Either the report was made in writing, presented during a conversation with the Juvenile Judge, or read out during the court hearing.

The reparation in court proceedings had great educational importance as a learning effect for the young people. Nevertheless, there were limits to monetary payments, especially for financially weak families. In some cases, the court allows instalment payments. In other cases, not, so that after a corresponding report on the learning development of the juvenile, Don Bosco made a partial payment.

Follow-up Care (integration)

There was a need for care after their release from prison and after the legal proceedings were terminated for some youngsters, in order to guarantee the sustainability of the help provided so far.

Facilitating access to school and vocational training for young people after their release from prison was an important part of reintegration. The focus was primarily on the young people, who were motivated and came from financially weak families. In total, support was granted to 11 school students and 3 vocational trainees. Depending on the need, the aid is to be guaranteed in the coming years.



Renovation of the kitchen in Don Bosco Matadi for daily food supply in the prison

In order to keep the costs for feeding the juveniles and the sick as low as possible, the food was prepared by employees in Don Bosco Matadi. This also made it possible to offer the food to many needed inmates in need as possible. At the start of the project, an old kitchen was renovated and put back into use. The renovation allowed the food to be cooked without any problems or difficulties.





Who We Are

Foyer Immaculée Don Bosco Child Protection Centre, Kara, Togo.

Activities at Foyer Immaculée Don Bosco Child Protection Centre (DBCPC) Kara, Togo

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Durant les mois de septembre, octobre et novembre 2022 le Centre de Protection de l'Enfance Foyer Immaculée Don Bosco, Kara – Togo a été principalement marqué par des activités telles que la rentrée scolaire et l'apprentissage ; les études et causeries pédagogiques ; ainsi que les activités de l'oratorio.

Activités

Retour à l'école et apprentissage

En effet cette année, la rentrée 2022-2023 a eu lieu le jeudi 1er septembre 2022 pour les élèves. Les enfants du Foyer Immaculée de Kara vont également à l'école : les collégiens et lycéens vont au Collège et Lycée Don Bosco et ceux de l'école primaire vont à l'Ecole Primaire Publique de Dongoyo (Kara).

En marge de la rentrée scolaire, certains enfants du Centre de Protection de l'Enfance Foyer Immaculée ont été réintégrés dans trois (3) métiers, à savoir : la vulcanisation, la menuiserie aluminium et la mécanique automobile. Parmi ces enfants, nous avons ceux qui sont en conflit avec la loi, ceux qui vivent dans la rue, ceux qui sont victimes de mariages précoces et les orphelins.



Les études et causeries éducatives

Chaque jour, à leur retour de l'école, les enfants du Centre de Protection de l'Enfance Foyer Immaculée Don Bosco sont suivis pendant leurs études par les éducateurs. Cela leur permet de vérifier leurs cahiers, de voir s'ils ont correctement copié leurs leçons et de les aider à corriger les fautes d'orthographe et de grammaire. Les éducateurs font de leur mieux pour accompagner les enfants.

Les causeries éducatives sont des canaux par lesquels les éducateurs communiquent aux enfants les valeurs culturelles, salésiennes et familiales. Ces causeries ont lieu tous les vendredis de 19h45 à 20h15. Au cours de ces séances, les enfants ont la possibilité d'exprimer ce qu'ils savent de la vie et aussi d'enseigner aux autres les bonnes manières de vivre en société.



Activités d'oratorio

Traditionnellement, les activités d'Oratorio ont lieu tous les mercredis et samedis au Centre de Protection de l'Enfance Foyer Immaculée Don Bosco. Ainsi, de 15h00 à 17h30, les enfants se répartissent selon les activités qui leur sont proposées comme le football, la danse-thérapie, le bricolage et le théâtre, la psychomotricité, les jeux de société, etc.

Lors de ces activités de l'Oratorio, d'autres enfants du quartier y participent. Cela favorise la socialisation et l'intégration des enfants du Centre de Protection de l'Enfance Foyer Immaculée Don Bosco.





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